

ABSTRACT

Internet-based printing to a home printer
in which the print job is pre-rasterized at the
cable head end and sent in rasterized format to the
set top box. Because the print job is pre-
rasterized at the cable head end, and not at the set
top box, resources are not wasted at the set top box
when they are more readily available at the cable
head end. In addition, because of the high speed
communication network already in existence between
the cable head end and the set top box, even large
pre-rasterized print jobs can be transmitted to the
set top box in reasonable amounts of time, meaning
more quickly than a situation in which it was the
set top box that performed rasterization.

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